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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Spawn makes his way through The Tunnel using the map on his chest. With him are his two keys into Hell; Michael and The Clown. As they travel closer to Satan's Sanctuary, Clown informs Spawn and Michael that every demon in Hell is aware of their presence, but a determined Spawn forges through to save his love, Wanda.

HE'D GIVEN THEM HIS
WARNING. TOLD THEM
HE WAS COMING...

...AND THAT NOTHING
WOULD STOP HIM.
NOTHING!

NOT NOW. NOT EVER.
BECAUSE WHEN THEY
KILLED HIS WIFE, WHEN
THEY BURNED HER ALIVE
AND STOLE HER SOUL--
THEY SEALED THEIR FATE.
AND THE TIME HAD COME
FOR SPAWN TO FINALLY
MAKE THEM PAY.

ALL OF THEM!

THE ONLY
QUESTION LEFT:
DID THEY TAKE
THE BAIT? DID
SATAN HEAR
HIS THREAT?

AND AS HE STARES
LOOKING DOWN AT THE
GRUNTING, SAVAGE
HORDE--ALL PACING
LIKE WILD ANIMALS
THAT ARE STARVING--
HE HAS HIS ANSWER.

THEY TOOK THE BAIT.
AND NOW HE HAS
THEM RIGHT WHERE
HE WANTS THEM!

IT'S ALL SO
VERY PERFECT.

BEFORE HE'S
FINISHED, ONE OF
THEM... AND ONLY
ONE OF THEM...
WILL DELIVER HIS
FINAL MESSAGE.

A SINGLE,
SIMPLE
SENTENCE
THAT WILL
MAKE SATAN
SHUDDER
UPON
HEARING IT.









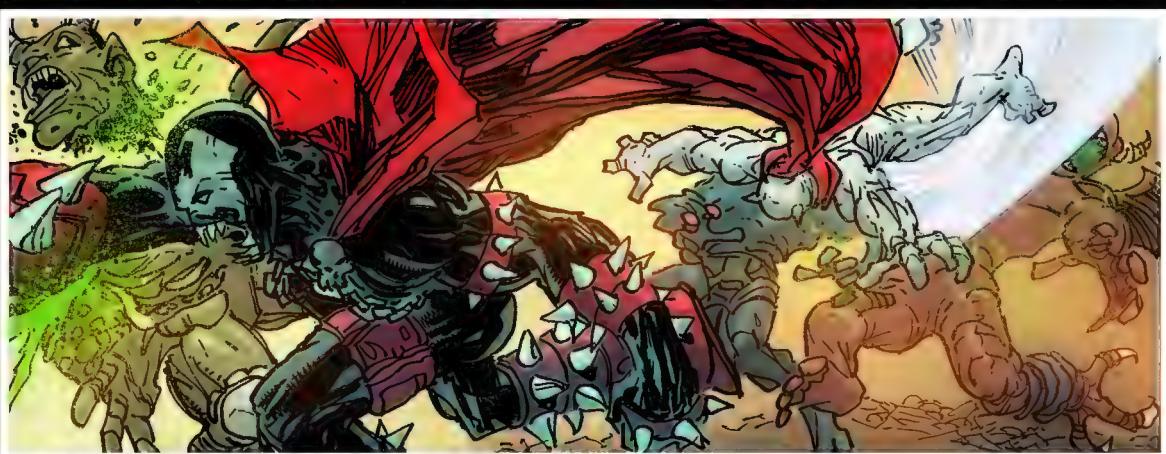
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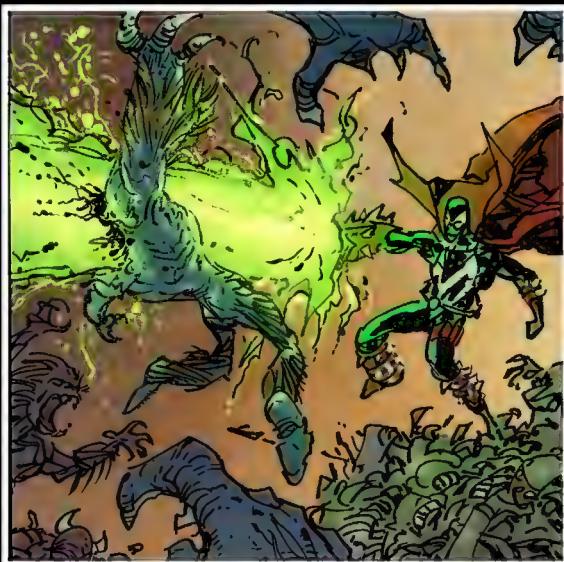
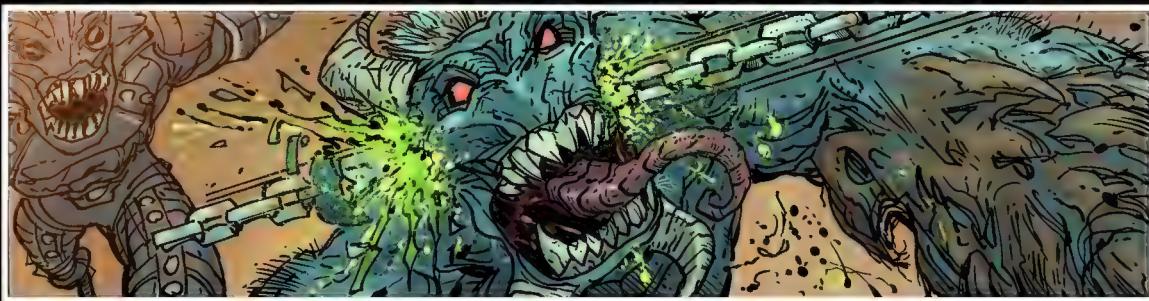


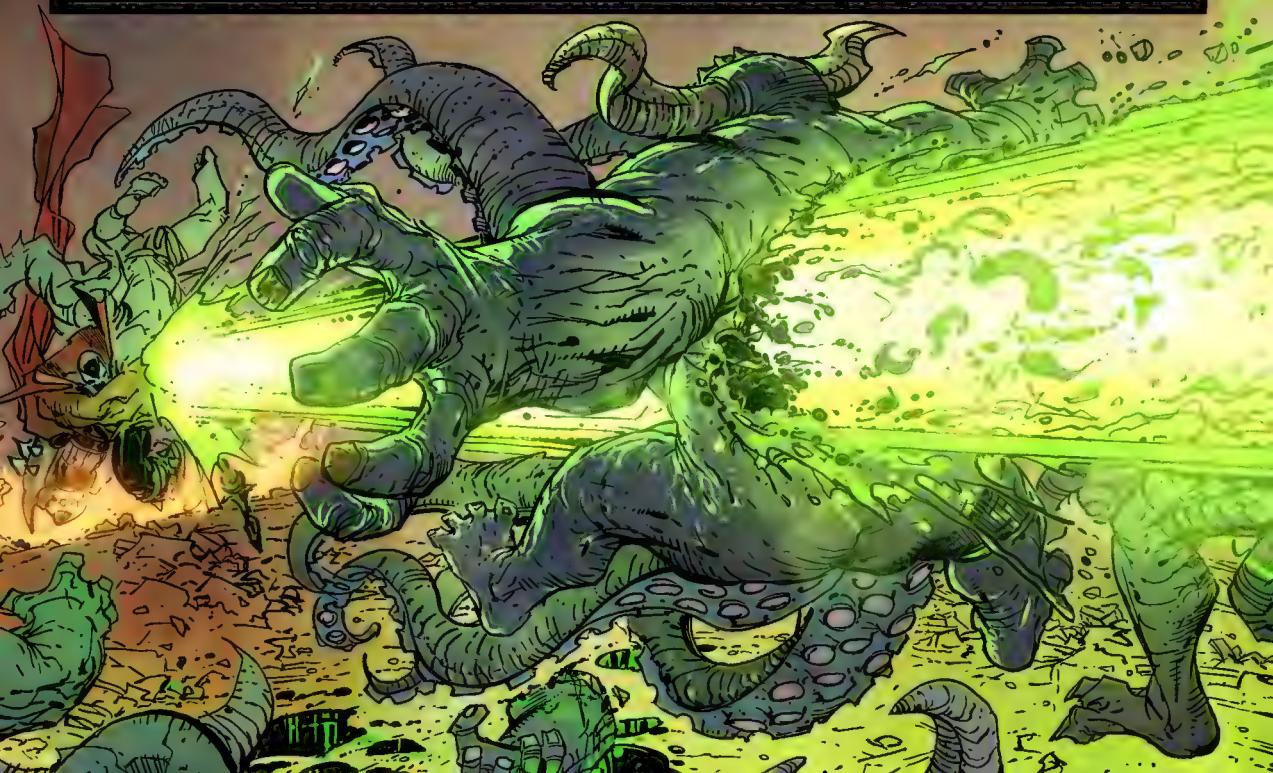




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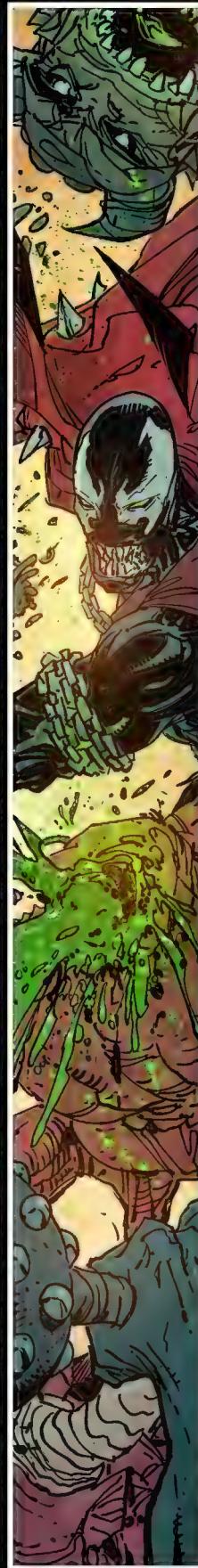












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NEXT: THE WAR BEGINS!

SPAWNING GROUND

Hello All,

I am so excited for this issue of *Spawn*! This is an epic moment in comic history as Todd teams up with Erik Larsen on *Spawn* on an ongoing basis. What's even better, is Todd is back to inking the interior pages of the book.

It has been interesting to see how these two have been collaborating. They play well on each other's strengths. It is almost impossible to distinguish who has inked what. I can't wait to see how the next few issues play out.

In other exciting *Spawn* news, the NEW Medieval Spawn Statue went on presale last week! There are a very limited amount of statues available worldwide and they are going to go fast. Get em' while you can!

For those of you who love toys... HBO's Game of Thrones Construction Sets from McFarlane Toys come out THIS month! Stay tuned to McFarlane.com and [McFarlane social channels](#) for more exact timing and giveaways.

Finally, our *Win McFarlane Toys for a Year* contest ends November 30th, so if you haven't entered, do so now! Find out more details on our website, McFarlane.com.

For this edition of Spawning Ground, I invited Erik Larsen to answer a few questions for our readers as an introduction to those of you who don't know much about him and for those of you who are big Erik fans, like me!

Cheers,
Shannon Bailey
Publishing Coordinator

What was it like to be part of the big Independent comic movement?

It was fantastic. When the seven of us left Marvel to form Image Comics it was a game-changer. And it felt like we were rock stars. Just an incredible period to live through.

What is your favorite part of being in the comic book industry?

Being able to tell stories and communicate directly with an audience. And it's much more so at Image than elsewhere. We can literally do anything we want to in our comics and there's nobody that can get in the way. In any other field there are people there whose job it is to say no--people who ask for changes and can remove you from a project at the drop of a hat. At Image these are your characters and your stories and you get to tell those stories the way you'd like to and it's an amazing thing. It's like every movie being the director's cut.

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What made you want to work on *Spawn* with Todd?

I've known Todd for most of my life. We've been pals forever and I've been somebody he's bounced ideas off of from time to time. So I've been in that inner circle and there have been a few times where I've made suggestions which have been implemented. Part of being a creative person is that whenever you read a book or see a movie you tend to say to yourself, "This is what I would have done." And I've had that with *Spawn* from time-to-time. I'm sitting here, reading it and picturing new directions it could go in. At some point I saw that the book was going through some creative changes and I contacted Todd and told him, "You've gotta let me take a crack at this." He listened to what I had to say, I shared a few ideas, and we were off and running.

What does it take to work on a monthly comic and what advice do you have for someone trying to work on a monthly?

You need to pace yourself and you need to keep that pace, come hell or high water. If you're going to keep that schedule you need to produce. That means sitting down at the drawing board and doing the work. It's not going to get done any other way.

What is the the one biggest thing you've learned from being in comics for so long?

You can't please everybody and you shouldn't try. If you start taking marching orders from your audience you're sunk. They don't walk in lockstep and they don't agree with each other--so trying to please everybody is the road to madness. This is your story. Don't compromise your story. Make the best comics you can and don't let anybody get in the way.



NEXT ISSUE

Spawn is one step closer to meeting Satan.

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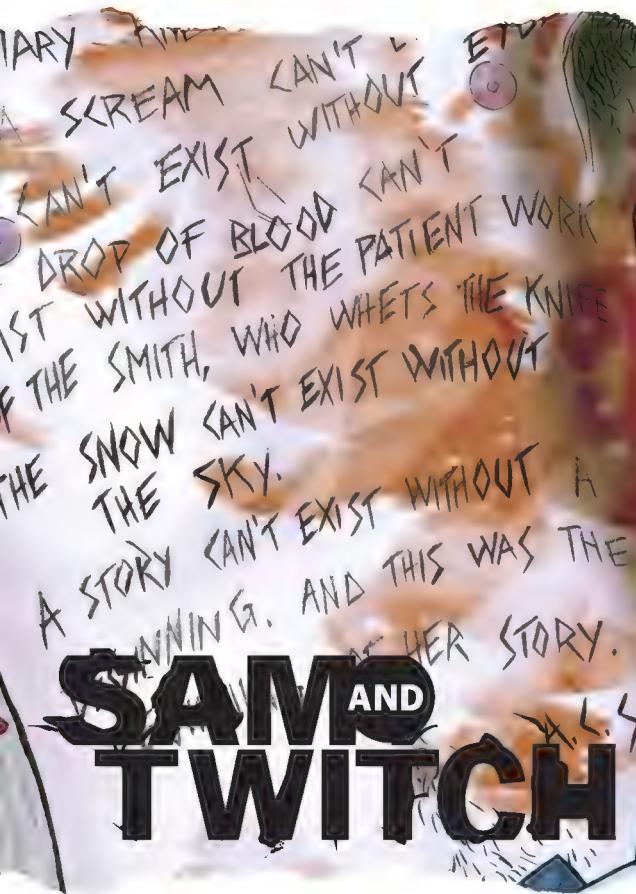
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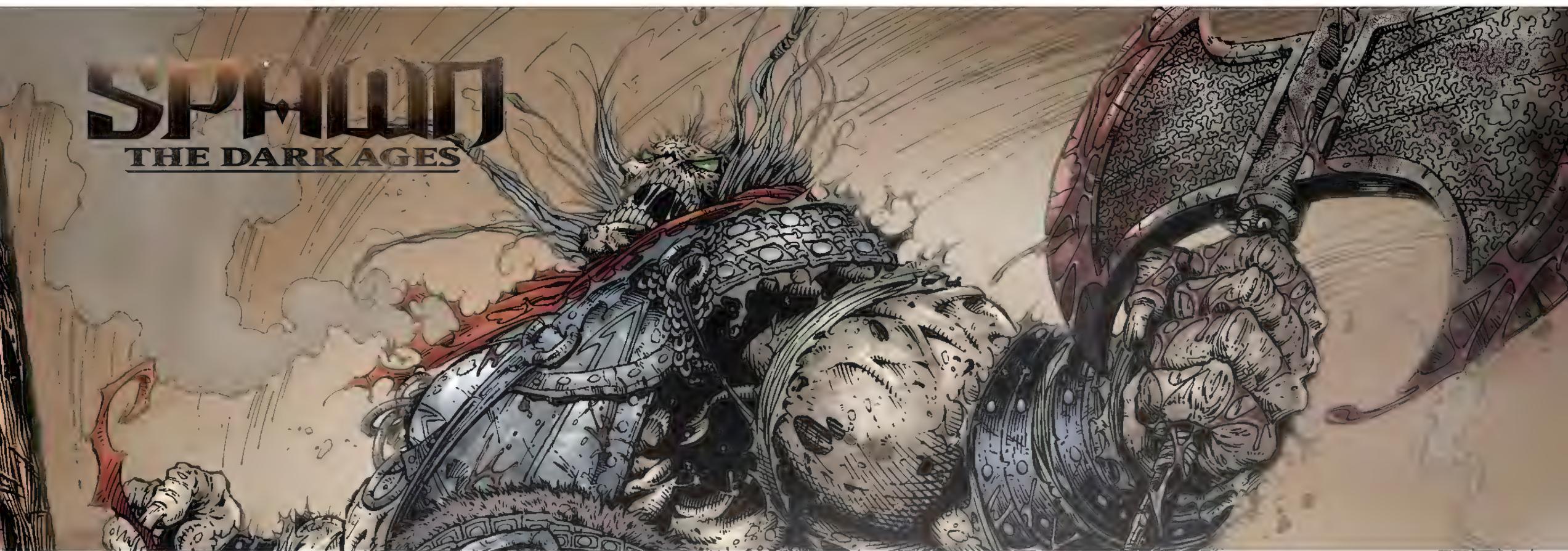
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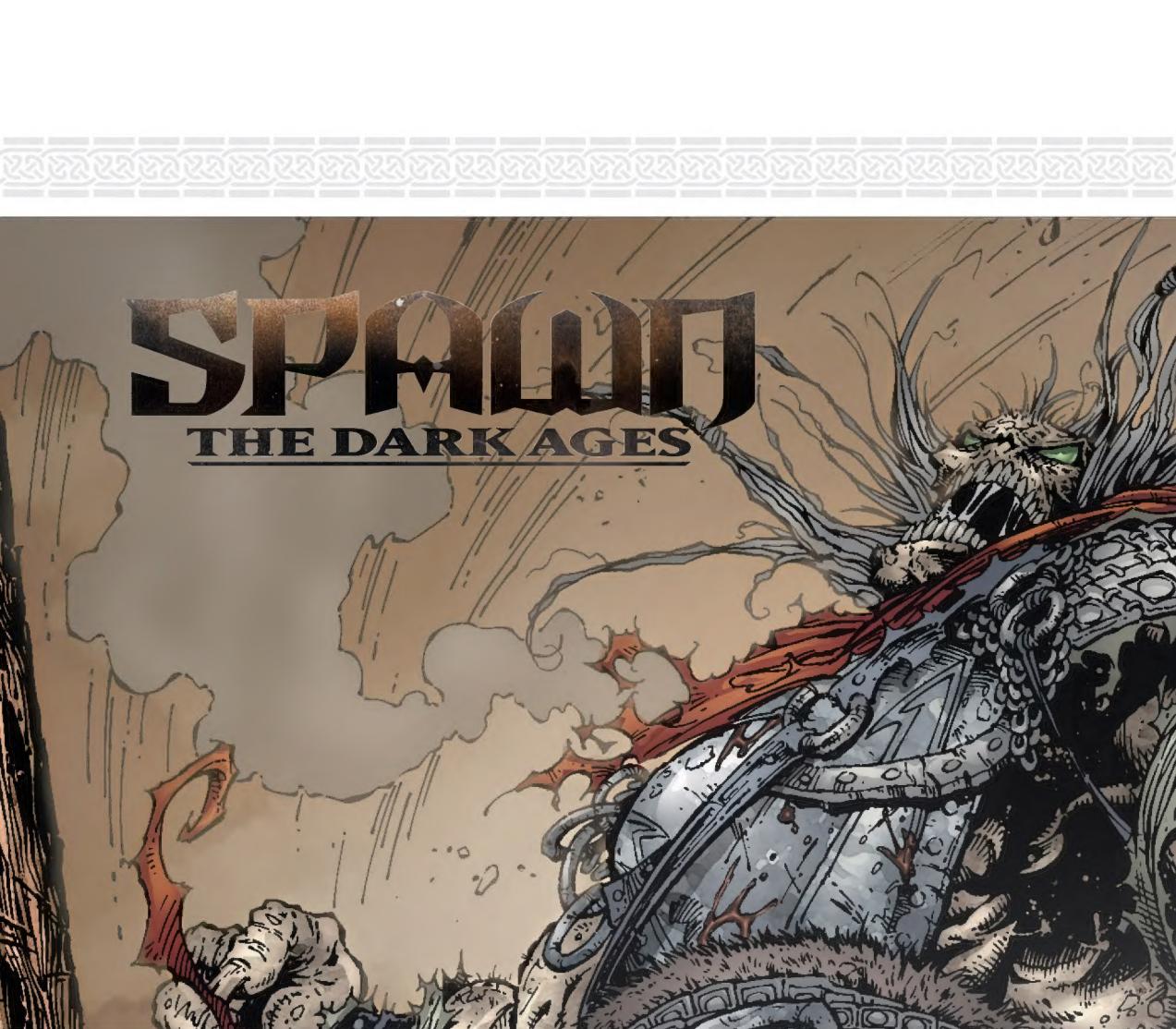
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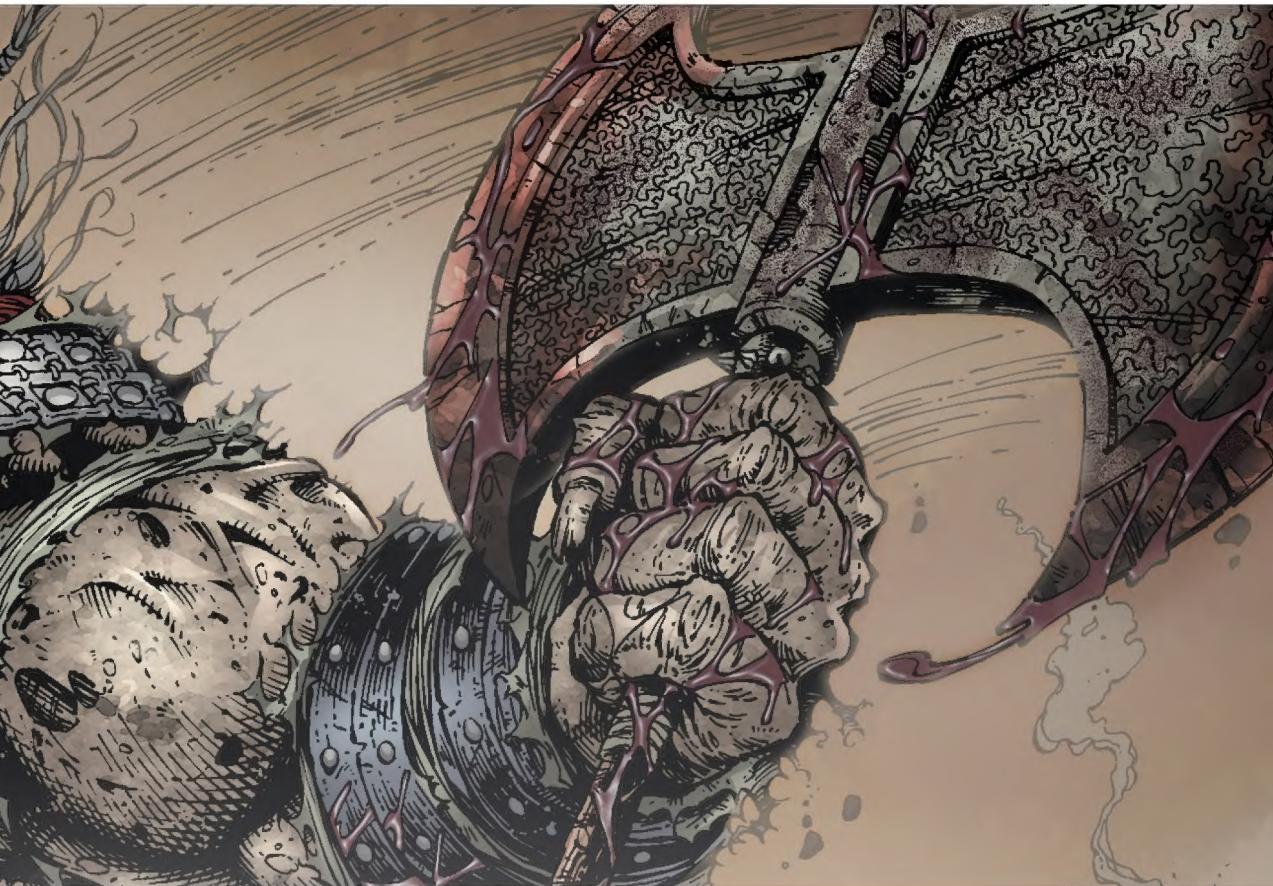
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